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Memorandom of Expences attending
Comming from the french fleet Viz^t

Gave to a Boat to Carry us on
Shore - - - - - - - - - - - - 1"4

To Cash p^d for Supper & Lodging.. [illegible]

To So much paid for horse here
Going from Naraganset } 1"11
to providence say Patuxet } [illegible]

To Cash paid for Dinner &c
Club and Breakfast^t .. 1" 1

24th To Cash paid for 1 bowl of
Grog. . . - - - - - - - - - 6

paid for washing ~~my~~ one
Shirt pair of Stockings han=
=kerchey and Stock } 5

paid for 3 Nights Lodging -6
Carried forward - - - - - - 4"16

Bro.t forward . . . . 4..16..
25th paid my Traveling Expences from
patuxet to Capt.n Eatons in the 2
Bounds of Connecticut 30 miles £1..1..
26 paid for Shoeing my Horse . . . 18
paid at Eatons Tavern for my
Horse and Self . . . . } . . 9..6

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Memorandom of Sundry Trans-
actions from my Leaving Rhinebeck in
the State of New york telling arrival
on board the Hector of 74 Guns Com
manded by Capt: Moses viz:
on Wednesday the 15th: July sett out
from Rhinebeck in order to Meet
Fredrick Jay Esqr to Consult with
him about our busyness, as agents
for the Patriotic Trading Company
and arrived about noon met Mr
Jay and Concluded to set out for Bos
ton in a few Days in order to pur=
chase some goods, on Thursday 16th
News Came of the Arrival of the Frenchu
fleet off Sandy hook, I was importun
to go on board to assist them, in

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Endeavouring to gett into some port
in the Sound between Long Island an
~~Newport~~ the Main I accordingly
in Company with Capt. Benson and Smith
the Evening of said day set out fr
Poughkeepsie and the Next day
arrived at General Washingtons
Quarters, had horses provided for Us to
proceed to the fleet then Laying at Sa
=dy hook on Satterday the 18th sett o
and got five miles beyond Elizabeth
Town where we all Lodged Mr Hamil
the Generals Aid De Cong Came in C
with us Sunday the 19th we all arri
at Black point and on monday morn
the 20th went on board the Languedo
the French Generals Ship of 110 Gu
the 21st went on board the Lecture
22 the Wind Came on very hard from
Eastward and whole French fleet C

Sail and Continued Turning to the
wind the whole of the Day without
getting very far from the Land at abou[t]
Sun Setting the High Land of the nev[er]
sink Bore N W by N somewhat North,
the fleet standing of to the S E Close
by the Wind Distance about 6 Leagues
the Next morning Sounded had
28 fathoms water with Course
yellow Sand or Gravel at Noon
by observation found the Ship to be
in Lattitud 39 .. 26 at Evening
Sounded and had but 20 fathoms
fine Grey Sand. Stood of to the
E S E under Low Sail. Close by the
wind the Wind blowing hard the
Next morning 24th the wind Shi[fted]

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Continuing to the NE but win

abated, our Course I Conclude m

have been made good about

SE By S 96 miles in the after

=noon the wind Shifted to Eastward and

Continued Shifting till it got to abo

South South East and Calmed in the

Evening the 25th in the morning a

Small Breize from the Southward

observed in Lattitude 38:51 in the

Evening the wind Shifted to the NE

stood of to the Southward the 26th

in the morning had much rain with

Light Airs of wind to the NE at abo

Noon the wind Shifted to the SE

Cleared ~~free~~ Judged our selves in

Lattitude 39"6 — with Montauk point on Long Isl

Bearing North the afternoon fa

fine weather and a remarkable

smooth Sea with a Litle Breese of
wind from SE prepared for Landing
the men our Quota being 374 the
whole to be Landed out of the fleet
is 4000 men Lite winds from the
SE the whole of the Night, Monday the
28th the winds Contenewed between
the South and East, Several Vessels
apeared in Sight of the fleet at
about Noon the Generals Ship
made a Signal for Chasing when
4 Ships made sail and Stood to
the Eastward in Chase of 2 or 3 Vessels
which was Seen that way two other
of the fleet made Sail to the N ward
in Chase of a Sail Seen that way
The wind this afternoon Inclining
to the ~~North~~ South observed this Day and
Lattitude 39.. 30 Suposed block Island

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to Bear about N° by East, Distance
about 100 miles this Night Litle
Breeze till Toward day when the
wind Sprung up fresh, on Tuesday
29 Fresh Breeze from the S°ward
at about 11 oClock made ~~the Con~~ Long Island
about 5 Leagues to the westward
of Montauk point the Comma
=ndr and a frigate gave Chase
to something was seen in the offin
returned about 2 oClock and all th
fleet made sail to the NE & ENE
at about 4 madeblock Island bear
ing NE Distance 5 Leagues stood o
to the NEBE Cleared Betweendec
of the mens Cloathing and packs
the General made a sigonal for an
=choring at 7 oClock anchored with
the whole fleet in 25 fathoms wate

at 2 oClock on Wednesday morning the
30th we weighed Anchor and Steared
over N E B N for Rhode Island Cleared
Ship for Engaging Expecting to Sail
Emediatly into the Harbour of Newport
at 12 oClock we arrived of the Harbour
and Laid off an on tile 4 oClock when
the admiral made a Signal for the
fleet to anchor except one frigate &
one 64 Gun Ship who was Sent
to Guard the passage to the East end
of Rhode Island Called Seconnet the fleet
anchored in about 20 fathoms the light house
Thursday morning 31st fine weather
N by W. 5 miles two pilots Came on board
the wind about West a Ship of 54
Guns was Sent up the Channel west
of Conanicut Island a Small Battery
on the West side of the Island fired
Eight or ten Guns which was returned

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by the Ship as She passed, at about
½ past 10 oClock. a 64 Gun Ship wa
Sent forward up the same passage, bu
was not fired at, we Could Descern
from our Ship a large Smoak whe
we Judged the fort was, and Concluded th
Brittish had Destroyed their fortificati
on Conanicut, and had evacuated the
Island, at about 4 oClock in the afternoon was Seen o
Rhode Island about Six miles S E from
Newport a Very Large Smoak which
very Sudenly, apearing like the explosion
of Powder, whether this was occationed by
the Destruction of Some of their out work
or was Some Signal, do not know, as no
report was heard and, the Smoak Soon
Disapeared, this afternoon Several american
Privateers from the westward Came in among

the fleet we received intelligence that the
Englishs had evacuated their out posts
on Rhode Island and Blown them up at
this Evening Signals was made that a fleet of
16 Sail was in in Sight the Ships all made
Sail and Stood out to the SSE in the morning
of friday 31
Saw some of the above mentioned fleet to the
westward of Block Island the wind a Lite air
from the SW, Came in before the Harbour of
Rhode Island an Anchored in about 15 fathom
water several American Privatiers with
the fleet, Heard that the 2 frigates we sent
to the Eastward had destroyed one Ship of
20 Guns and 2 Gallays in the East passage
on Saturday imployed Landing the sick
from out of the Ship and sent the prisoners
to providence I went on shoar with the
small Boat with the Steward of the Ship
to get some Nessesaries for the Ship such as
Fowles Eggs Butter and Vegetables at Even
returned with a Quantity of those articles

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Sunday 2nd August our Long boat
that Carried the sick on shore returni
with water for the Ship the fleet being
Generally very short saw Several En-
=glish frigates before Newport under sail
at Evening the frigate in our fleet got
under sail in order to watch the Harbour
that the English frigates should not get out
of the Harbour unknown to the fleet
monday 3rd August fine weather the
Long Boat and a Small prize Sloop
were sent on shore for water the
Small Boat went on shore & I went
in her in order to get some Cloaths
washed this afternoon one Ship of 74
Guns and one frigate was sent to Cruise
of of Block Island on Tuesday 4th thick
foggy weather the wind from the South
ward one Seventy four Gun Ship was
sent up the West Chanel one other
was anchored Close of the mouth of
Rhode Island Harbour

Wednesday 5th the [illegible] foggy Thick Weather
the Ship and frigate from Block Island
returned the boats on shoar watering no
appearance of an attack yett
Thursday 6th the wind from the SW thick
foggy nothing remarkable till Satturday
8th when a Signal was made by the Gene-
ral for the fleet to gett under Sail at about
[illegible] in the afternoon a Signal was made to
form a Line when the Languedoch Led the
Van and we sailed into the Harbour on
the East Side of Conanicut through a most
Inceasant fire of Cannon from the forts
of Brentons point fort Island and two forts
from Newport and anchored between Gold
Island and Conanicut in about 15 fathom
water on Sunday the 9th we Landed out of
our Ships of Soldiers Marines and Sailors
[illegible] 62 men in order to Join General Sullivan
[illegible] attack Rhode Island but about Noon a fleet
of thirty Six Sail of English apeared in sight

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when the men w. all ordered on board
again and the Ships made Clear for actio[n]
on Monday the 10th the wind Sprung up
from the Northward a Signal was made
for the fleet to Cut their Cables and Com[e]
to Sail as Soon as possible but in going
out received a very Heavy fire from
the forts in which we had 2 men Killed
and several wounded our Ship received so[me]
Damage in her uper works but Before we
Could get out of the Harbour the English
fleet Cut their Cables and put to Sea
with all the sail they Coul Crowd at Eve
=ning Could no See that we gained anything
of them we Continued the Chase all night
on Tuesday the 11th in the morning found
they had gained Ground of us we Still Cha[s]
ed but wind blowing a Strong breese from
the N E they stood of to the S E but finding we
out sailed them they altered their Course to the
S W and round to West at about 5 oClock in

the afternoon Our quedonost Ships Came
within about 2 miles of their Sternmost
they formed in a line and made the
appearance of Engaging us we then
formed our Line but the wind blowing
very Hard and the Sea Running High we
could not Engage the wind Stile to the ENE
signal was made for the fleet to bring
to which was Done at 7 oclock with their
Heads to the Southward in the night Came
on a Violent Gale of wind in which our
Admiral Ship Lost Her Bow Sprit and
all her masts and the Marseiles of 74
guns Lost the main Topmast forward and bowsprit the
Townant of 80 Guns Lost her Mizen Top
mast the Gale Continued very hard all
Wednesday the 12th ~~Thursday the 13th~~ the fleet Still Laying too
Lost Sight of the Vessels that had Lost
their masts on thursday 13th at night the gale abated and
the wind Shifted to the NWward and

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Round to the [illegible] west made sail to the
Nward Close by the wind all night, in
the morning of ~~Thursday~~ friday the 12th saw the
Languedoch Bearing WNW Distance
about 3 Leagues Several English
Ships of war in Sight but they soon
made all the Sail they Could and Stood
in for Sandy Hook when we Came up
we found the Languedock in a very
Shattered Condition having not a mast
Standing and her Rudder being Split
and had been attacked the
Night before by an English man of war
of 50 Guns several of the fleet Gave Chase
to Ships in Sight, Toward Evening one
of the fleet returned with a Bumb
Ketch in Tow which had Lost her
masts and one other with the Ship
Marseilles in Tow who had that morning
been attacked by an English Ship of

50 Guns, the Languedok and Marsules
preparing for Getting Jury masts up
on Satterday Morning the 15th at Day
light Saw a Smale Ship to the wind
ward of us we made Sail and Soon
Came up with her and after firing
a few Shott Strucke her Colours she
proved to be the Sengall Sloop of
war Commanded by Captⁿ. John Eng
English had been out from Sandy
Hook 14 Days Cruising as they Said
for Admiral Byrons Squadron
which was Expected on the Cost of
america fine weather on Sunday

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morning 16th Came to anchor Near
the Languedock and Marceiles in
35 fathoms water in Latitude 39=
=00 this Day the Two Ships Got up
Jury Masts and yards acroſs fine
weather but a Large Swell prepareing
to get Sails for the Ships on monday
morning 17th fine weather the Boats
of the fleet Employed in aſsist-
ing the Languedock and Marſeil-
is in the afternoon about 4 oClock
a Signal was made for the fleet
to ~~make Sail~~ weigh anchor
at about 5 Got under Sail
Set fire to the Bumb Veſsel and
Stood to the N&E on Tuesday the

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18th in the morning about Sun ri
Saw a Large Ship to the westwa
a Signal was made to Chace wh
2 Ships one of 50 the other of 60
Guns made Sail and Stood to th
West ward was in hopes it wa
ye Cesar our third Admiral who
we Lost Sight of in the Gale of wi
Small wind and Clear weather
with a Smooth Sea Could not
make much head way the La
guedoch and Marseiles Sailed
So Heavy fine weather and a sm
Smooth Sea on wednesday 19th at
about Seven oClock in the morn
Saw Long Island ~~Bearing~~ abou

10 Leagues from the East End
at Evening Came to anchor so
Mantauk point Bearing N by W
Distance 5 Leagues in the morning
of Thursday the 20th we weigh'd at
about 3 oClock at Day Light
saw Block Island Bearing N by E
Distance 5 Leagues at about
4 oClock in the afternoon anchored
in about 15 fathom Water the Light
house at New port Bearing N N West
Distance 4 miles on Friday 21st
the Ships Boat Landed my Self
Captn Sweet and Capt. Wilson
on Naragansett at a place Called
the South ferry went up and Lod
=ged at one Gardiners a Tavern

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On Satterday 29th we Travelled
up to Patuxet within 5 miles
of Providence, and Staid with
Captn Aborn who was so kin[d]
as to Ask me to Stay with me

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